

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A software installation method comprising the steps of:

storing information related to a constituent element of a user's computer system and software required for the constituent element, ~~which correspond to each other,~~ and also storing identification information for identifying a user's computer system, ~~which is configured by a specified constituent element and that is supplied to the user's computer system user,~~ and system configuration information indicating hardware of ~~that~~ the user's computer system ~~configured by the specific constituent element, which correspond to each other;~~

accepting from the user's computer system the identification information ~~given to~~ of the user's computer system; and

sending, to the user's computer system, software required for the ~~specific~~ constituent element of the user's computer system that is determined, on the basis of from the stored system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information.

2. (Original) The software installation method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

managing, for an individual user, a fee for the software sent to the user's computer system; and  
collecting the fee from the user.

3. (Original) A software installation method comprising:

a first database for storing information related to a constituent element of a computer system and software required for the constituent element, ~~which correspond to each other;~~

a second database for storing identification information for identifying a computer system ~~which is configured by a specified constituent element and supplied to a user, and system configuration information indicating hardware of that the computer system configured by the specific constituent element, which correspond to each other;~~

an accepting means for accepting from the user's computer system the identification information given to the user's computer system;

first ~~determining detecting~~ means for determining ~~detecting~~ system configuration information which corresponds to the accepted identification information, with reference to the second database;

second ~~determining detecting~~ means for determining ~~detecting~~ software required for the ~~specific~~ constituent element which is indicated in the system configuration information, with reference to the first database; and

sending means for sending the determined ~~detected~~ software to the user's computer system.

4. (Original) A software installation method comprising the steps of:

sending identification information ~~given to of a~~ first computer system to a second computer system;

accepting, in response to the above step, software required for a ~~specific~~ constituent element of the first computer system, which is indicated in system configuration

information stored in the second computer which corresponds to the identification information sent from the ~~second~~first computer system; and

conducting ~~specified~~ setup processing in order to make the software accepted in the accepting step into an executable state in the first computer.

5. (Original) The software installation method according to claim 4, wherein the first computer system reads and executes a specified installation software which is stored in a specified storage medium.

6. (Original) The software installation method according to claim 5, further comprising the step of storing software which the first computer system receives from the second computer system.

7. (Original) A storage medium having software stored thereon for making a computer system, which has a memory in which identification information is stored, execute the

function of installing a specified software onto the computer system, wherein,

the software comprises the functions of:

sending the identification information to another computer system;

accepting, ~~in response to following the sending of the identification information~~the above function, software sent from the another computer system; and

conducting ~~specified~~ setup processing in order to make the accepted software into an executable state.

8. (Original) An installation system for a client/server system constituted by a first computer system and a second computer system, by which software is installed onto the first computer system,

wherein the first computer system comprises:

means for storing identification information for identifying ~~an individual~~the first computer system;

means for connecting the first computer system ~~itself~~ to the second computer system and for sending the identification information to the second computer system, in

accordance with ~~an~~ recovery instructions ~~given from a user;~~  
and

first accepting means for accepting software sent  
from the second computer system, and

wherein the second computer system comprises:

a first database for storing information related to  
a constituent element of the first computer system and  
software required for the constituent element, ~~which~~  
~~correspond to each other;~~

a second database for storing identification  
information for identifying a computer system ~~which is~~  
~~configured by a specified constituent element and supplied to~~  
a user, and system configuration information indicating  
hardware of that the first computer system ~~configured by the~~  
~~specific constituent element, which correspond to each other;~~

second accepting means for accepting, from the  
~~user's~~ first computer system, the identification information  
~~given to the user's of the first computer system;~~

accepting means for accepting the identification  
information sent from the first computer system;

first ~~detecting~~determining means for determining  
~~detecting~~ system configuration information which corresponds  
to the accepted identification information, with reference to  
the second database;

second determining ~~detecting~~ means for determining  
~~detecting~~ software required for the ~~specific~~ constituent  
element which is indicated in the system configuration  
information, with reference to the first database; and

sending means for sending the determining ~~detected~~  
software to the first computer system.